



## Rep. Brandtjen to Mayor Barrett: Time for Some Introspection

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Madison- “Recently Milwaukee’s Mayor Tom Barrett has asked for a comparison between his city and the tourist destinations of Wisconsin Dells, Eagle River, and Rhinelander. Mayor Barrett has asked what these municipalities have that Milwaukee doesn’t. Really? Are you sure you want to go there?

From budget mismanagement to sinking property values, from soaring crime numbers to a failing school system, Mayor Barrett has overseen a tragic and perilous decline of Wisconsin’s only first class city.

While the law abiding citizens of Milwaukee watch in horror as the gangs and crime lords take over the vast majority of the city, inept government officials search desperately for someone to blame.

While the city leadership expends countless resources on a senseless trolley, their city is in trouble. The Milwaukee Police Department is understaffed, and the police chief refuses to deal with the ever growing violent crime problem.

The city officials have not budgeted for their city’s pension package for six years and any chance of new revenue has been stifled by their unrelenting use of the Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF).

So, the answer to Mayor Barrett’s question is quite simple. What do Rhinelander, Wisconsin Dells, and Eagle River have that Milwaukee doesn’t? It’s called leadership. If the Mayor wants to see who’s to blame, a full length mirror at Walmart is under \$10, I’ll buy.”

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